

AN ORDINANCE

~~BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLAIR MULLER FOR THE EXECUTIVE/FINANCE~~ 08-0-2106
COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, TO IMPLEMENT A CONSERVATION/LIFELINE RATE FOR WATER/SEWER USAGE AT OR BELOW THE USAGE LEVEL OF 3 HUNDRED CUBIC FEET (ccf); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta, has the responsibility of providing water and sewer service to its citizens, corporate customers and others outside the corporate boundaries of the City, and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta agreed in Federal Court to Consent Agreements with EPA and the State of Georgia in 1998 and 1999 to improve the City's aging water and sewer system to comply with the Clean Water Act and

WHEREAS, the cost of these mandated improvements, estimated at \$3 billion over the next five years, require revenues for bond debt service that the City of Atlanta does not have in the existing water and sewer revenue stream and

WHEREAS, the Administration of the City of Atlanta has proposed rate increases over the next five years that will result in a tripling of water/sewer rates in five years and

WHEREAS, there are many users who will find the rates very difficult to afford.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 154, Article III, Division 3, Section 154-112 of the code of ordinances be amended so that the new Section 154-112 shall read as follows:

Section 154-112. Established.

- (a) The rates and charges for the city water service shall be as established by the city.
- (b) *Conservation-lifeline water rate.* The In-City water rate for domestic users of the City of Atlanta system using 3 hundred cubic feet (ccf) or less shall be \$1.75 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) beginning on and after January 1, 2004.

SECTION 2: That Chapter 154, Article III, Division 3, Section 154-276 of the code of ordinances be amended so that the new Section 154-276 shall read as follows:

Section 154-276. Establishment of charges.

- (a) Sewer service charges shall be as established by the city.
- (b) *Conservation-lifeline sewer rate.* The In-City sewer rate for domestic users of the City of Atlanta system using 3 hundred cubic feet (ccf) or less shall be \$4.45 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) beginning on and after January 1, 2004.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.